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Garner Honored Again as a Playful City USA

For the second consecutive year, Garner has been honored as a Playful City USA by KaBOOM!, a national non-profit dedicated to preserving and expanding play opportunities for America's children.

In partnership with the Humana Foundation, KaBOOM! this year is honoring 241 cities, towns and counties across the country for making their communities more playable.

"We are honored to be recognized as a 2015 Playful City USA," Garner Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Director Sonya Shaw said. "Our parks system is truly one that provides numerous opportunities for our citizens to be actively engaged in health and wellness activities."

The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Department noted several recent developments that are making Garner even more playable, including the opening of the town's first public dog park (North Garner Dog Park at Garner Recreational Park), construction of dugout covers and new concession stands and restrooms at Garner Recreational Park and South Garner Park, and lower prices and increased enrollment in the department's main summer camp, Camp Kaleidoscope.

The mission of the Garner Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Department is to improve the quality of life in Garner by offering a diverse system of parks, facilities, programs and cultural resources. The Town's parks, recreation facilities and the Garner Performing Arts Center offer superior activities—including fitness classes, athletics, camps, cultural arts and special events—for citizens ages 2 to 55 and over.

For more information about the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Department, visit garnernc.gov, or call the department's main line at (919) 773-4442. You can join Garner Parks, Recreation

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and Cultural Resources on Facebook (facebook.com/garnerparksrecreationandculturalresources) and Twitter ([@GarnerPRCR](https://twitter.com/GarnerPRCR)).

For more information on the Playful City USA program, visit playfulcityusa.org.

ABOUT KaBOOM!

KaBOOM! is the national non-profit dedicated to giving all young people—particularly those growing up in poverty—the childhood they deserve filled with balanced and active play so they can thrive. To learn why #playmatters: visit kaboom.org or join the conversation at twitter.com/kaboom or facebook.com/kaboom.

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